

## HOME-MAKING PRACTICAL JOB; GENERAL INFLUENCE IMPORTANT

Good Home Is the Buttress and Support of the School, the Community, State and Nation; a Place of Family Refuge and Recreation

Home is a practical thing and home-making is a practical job, all sentiment aside. Health is made or destroyed in the home. In the home the basis of character is laid. Habits of thought as well as of action are formed there. Views of human relationships are determined by the home environment, says the American Lumberman.

Good men and women come from good homes and good men and women make good homes. An endless chain of healthy influences starts in the good home; the good home is the haven that leavens the whole lump of society. It is the buttress and support of the school, the community, the state and the nation.

**FAMILY REFUGE.**  
The home is no longer a factory; it is the family refuge, a place of recreation and refreshment. In it the needs of the soul as well as of the body must be satisfied in large part. Love of home is a composite of respect for parents and brothers and sisters and of satisfaction and contentment due to a wholesome and restful environment.

Much that is disturbing in the present situation is directly traceable to the lack of home influences. The home must be made more potent in character building if America is to remain American. The home must be more than four walls and a bed. It must afford more of the satisfaction that now is sought in vain elsewhere. A program designed to make better American homes ought to have and it will have the active support of every good citizen. It is a practical means of establishing American standards in the home.

Demonstrate is a long word which in simpler terms means to show by example—the best of all ways to teach. Folks who want to build a new home like to see homes of others already built. Every visit to the home of another is a suggestion and an inspiration to imitate and improve one's own home. A single fine modern home in a community is seen, talked of and used as an example by all the people; and to that extent it is a demonstration of home making—a showing by example.

**STANDARDS MENACED.**  
American standards of living average higher than those of any other people; but the congestion caused by the stoppage of home building due to the war has menaced those standards. Construction has not yet overtaken demand, and the longer the building of homes is delayed the greater the danger that Americans will get the habit of accepting lower standards.

If the home of one citizen is a model and example to others of what a home should be, so the home of each family exerts a potent and permanent influence upon its inmates. "Show me the kind of a home you live in and I'll tell you what kind of man you are."

**HOME-MAKING SCIENCE.**  
Making a home is a science and an art that requires a taste and ability not possessed by everybody upon whom are imposed the duty and responsibility of making a home. The consequence is that many homes hard-

ly deserve the name when compared with what they might as well be. In fact, what the highest public interest requires that they shall be. Most families could have and many of them would have better homes if they were only shown that better homes for them are possible and practicable. They need a "Better Homes Demonstration."

**BETTER HOMES WEEK.**  
As part of a nation-wide program for "getting good Americans back into good homes," plans have been made for a Demonstration Week, Oct. 9-14, in every community where there are enough public spirited citizens to put it on. This program is under the auspices of Vice President Coolidge, Secretaries Hoover, Wallace and Davis; Surgeon General H. S. Cummings; Dr. J. J. Tigert, commissioner of education; J. M. Gries, director of building and housing; department of commerce; John Hilder, director of housing conditions; chamber of commerce of the United States; Dean Barber, fellow American Institute of Architects; Livingston Farrand, chairman National Health Council; Mrs. T. G. Winter, president General Federation of Women's clubs; and Mrs. Lena Lake Forrest, president National Federation of Business & Professional Women's clubs. Many governors of states also have signified their purpose to co-operate. The secretary to the advisory council for the Better Homes Campaign is Mrs. William Brown Meloney, editor of the *Delinquent*, 223 Spring street, New York City.

**LUMBERMEN AID.**  
Lumbermen have done and are doing splendid service in inducing the building of better homes. The Better Homes Campaign is designed to enlist all public spirited citizens and organizations in each community in a local demonstration of a better home, "completely equipped, furnished and decorated in accordance with approved modern practices" placed on exhibition for a week—from October 9 to 14.

Already women in these communities who were leaders in the war activities have been asked to lead, as this is work for which women are pre-eminently fitted. Making the individual home is the task of the woman of the family; making the model demonstration home is a task that has been allotted to the women leaders of the community. A plan for organization and detailed suggestions for furnishing and equipping the demonstration home are contained in a Plan Book, copies of which may be obtained from the Bureau of Information, 223 Spring street, New York City.

**MANY SUGGESTIONS.**  
The demonstration home will be replete with suggestions for remodeling, renovating, enlarging and improving many homes that need them. It is in order to make them "better homes for Americans." This campaign is one that should appeal especially to the smaller communities in which not enough thought has been given to the matter of home improvement, home comforts and other factors that make homes attractive.

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### Woodrow Wilson Has Last Seat in Vaudeville

By ROBERT TALLEY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—When Woodrow Wilson goes to the theatre—vaudeville show—

He doesn't occupy a box. He sits with the crowd—in the last row back, and on the extreme left aisle.

Mrs. Wilson, her mother, her sister, his secretary (Mrs. Wilson's brother, John Randolph Bolling) and a secret service man accompany him.

His auto stops in the alley alongside the theatre, two attendants assist him through a side door to his seat which is only a few feet away.

The audience stands, faces him and applauds as he comes in, hobnobbing heavily on his cane; he smiles and bows in acknowledgment.

At Keith's vaudeville theatre the other night, I sat less than three feet from the ex-president and watched him enjoy the show. He was as happy as a kid at his first circus.

A female impersonator fooled him until he snatched off his wig at the end of his act.

With amused interest and frequent soft chuckles, he followed the songs and stories of a dapper young comedian.

Like jazz? Seems to be crazy about it. Patted his foot softly in keeping time with a jazz band that was part of a musical revue.

The grotesque doll dance of Adelaide and Hughes, old-time vaudeville favorites—seemed to win his particular admiration. He watched their antics through opera glasses, handed to him by Mrs. Wilson.

But what do you suppose tickled him most?

One of those animated cartoons in the movies, wherein a cat with highly flexible eyebrows and a long, nervous tail twitches his whiskers and stretches his neck like it was made of rubber.

"Ho, ho, ho," came Wilson's soft, deep-throated chuckles as the feline got chased by polar bears and was threatened with sudden and terrible extinction in a dozen different ways.

This gag by Johnny Burke, soldier-comedian, got a good laugh from the man whom historians will class with Washington and Lincoln!

"I was diggin' a trench," related Johnny, "when along comes a captain and says: 'Whadda you throwin' all that dirt out here on the ground for?'"

"Cause I ain't got no where else to throw it," I says back to him.

Then he says to me: 'Then go dig another hole an' throw the dirt in that!'"

As a special feature, Manager Robbins presented some "news" movies of several years back showing views of President Wilson.

The crowd broke into loud applause when his picture flashed on the screen. One man even so far forgot the dress-suit and evening-gown surroundings as to give vent to a wild yell.

Wilson accepted the tribute silently.

"The ex-president is a vaudeville fan and attends every Saturday night," confided Manager Robbins.

"There is nothing he likes better than comedy. Even the slap-stick variety amuses him."

Very often, as Wilson is being assisted from his auto in the alley, he will say to Robbins: "Get plenty of fun in the bill this week? Ah, that's good."

### PROSPERITY IS BACK IN U. S.

Samuel M. Vauclain Reports on 10,000 Mile Inspection Tour

Samuel M. Vauclain has just completed a 10,000-mile inspection trip in our country and declares that general prosperity has returned to stay. He found a rising tide of business everywhere, and conditions among farmers and laborers so far ahead of 1912-13 that there exists no real standard of comparison.

He says what we have with us now is a gradual, solid increase in general business and a wealth of opportunity for whoever cares to grasp it. He never saw a sour face on his trip.

Working people and farmers are living better than they ever did and buying houses and automobiles on the installment plan, showing their confidence in the stability of the future.

He heard more complaints about shortage of labor than shortage of work, and everyone seemed to have plenty of money and general confidence was shown in spending it.

"The railway strike was due, it had to be determined for whose benefit the railroads were being operated and existed. The strike developed their real purpose—service to the public."

"The railroads never knew until this strike came how many men they were carrying uselessly on their pay-rolls. Railroads should not differ from any other business."

"The rule of well-conducted business is to carry the least possible number of men and pay the highest wages possible. No business can afford to have anyone uselessly employed."

"The railroads are carrying too many employees today, just as once upon a time they were carrying too many securities. It took the strikes to teach them that."

"Under our immigration laws we have less human labor than is needed for the work to be done and we shall continue to have less of it and must use more machinery."

"The old unskilled laborer who could use only the pick and shovel, is almost gone out. In order to get more work done machines and not men's backs will have to carry the heavier burden."

"The employer who wants to pay low wages thinks that he can use hand power and do without investing in machinery, but there is not enough handpower."

"The labor union wants to limit the amount of work that a man may do even if he has a machine, and cut down his wages to what he might earn by hand."

"The most short-sighted employers cannot help seeing what would happen if 50 per cent were cut off the buying power of the nation's working people."

"Half the industry of the country would have to shut its doors. The better the workingman lives the better is business."

"I am looking forward to three families before the year is out: 1. Labor—there will be too much work for the number of men available. 2. Cars—there will be too much coal and grain for the present supply of cars to handle. 3. Locomotives—there will be more cars to pull than engines to pull them."

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Governor Miller wants New York state to celebrate the Marne victory. Good idea, although a good many have forgotten exactly what the Marne victory was. Arthur Brisbane thinks many would be pleased if we had some victory of our own to celebrate. For instance, a victory over the coal and railroad difficulties with a beginning of continuous prosperity.

### NOT DYING FAST ENOUGH.

When Mrs. John Raymond Lambert obtained a divorce from her husband, an undertaker at Westfield, N. J., she was awarded \$18 a week alimony. Her husband now has asked the court to reduce the amount, asserting that "They are not dying fast enough here to enable me to pay the present alimony."

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